



U.S. Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Prisons

Program Statement

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SUBJECT: Inmate Manuscripts

1. **PURPOSE and SCOPE.** To encourage inmates to use their leisure time for creative writing and to permit the direct mailing of all manuscripts as ordinary correspondence.

2. **SUMMARY OF CHANGES.** This revision updates the Directives Referenced, adds a Program Objective and a Standards Referenced section, and makes other editorial and format changes consistent with current Bureau policy. The requirement for an Institution Supplement has been eliminated.

3. **PROGRAM OBJECTIVE.** The expected result of this program is:

Inmates will be afforded the opportunity to write and mail manuscripts for publication.

4. **DIRECTIVES AFFECTED**

a. **Directive Rescinded**

PS 5350.07 Inmate Manuscripts (7/16/79)

b. **Directives Referenced**

PS 5265.10	Correspondence (12/18/97)
PS 5270.07	Inmate Discipline and Special Housing Units (12/29/87)
PS 5580.05	Personal Property, Inmate (9/30/96)
PS 5800.10	Mail Management Manual (11/3/95)

c. Rules cited in this Program Statement are contained in 28 CFR 551.80 through 551.83.

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5. STANDARDS REFERENCED

a. American Correctional Association 3rd Edition Standards for Adult Correctional Institutions: 3-4428 and 3-4429

b. American Correctional Association 3rd Edition Standards for Adult Local Detention Facilities: 3-ALDF-5D-01

c. American Correctional Association 2nd Edition Standards for Administration of Correctional Agencies: None

d. American Correctional Association Standards for Adult Correctional Boot Camp Programs: 1-ABC-5C-06 and 1-ABC-5D-01

6. [DEFINITION. §551.80. As used in this rule, "manuscript" means fiction, nonfiction, poetry, music and lyrics, drawings and cartoons, and other writings of a similar nature.

7. [MANUSCRIPT PREPARATION §551.81. An inmate may prepare a manuscript for private use or for publication while in custody without staff approval. The inmate may use only non-work time to prepare a manuscript.]

8. [MAILING INMATE MANUSCRIPTS §551.82. An inmate may mail a manuscript as general correspondence, in accordance with Part 540, Subpart B of this chapter. An inmate may not circulate his manuscript within the institution.]

Part 540, Subpart B refers to the Program Statement on Correspondence.

9. [LIMITATIONS ON AN INMATE'S ACCUMULATION OF MANUSCRIPT MATERIAL §551.83. The Warden may limit, for housekeeping, fire-prevention, or security reasons, the amount of accumulated inmate manuscript material.]

The Warden may choose to address the issue of accumulation of inmate manuscripts in the Institution Supplement on Inmate Personal Property.

/s/

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